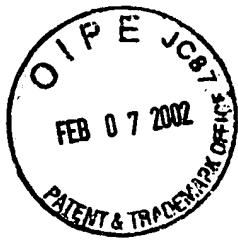


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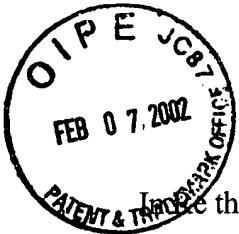
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 7, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith please find a Declaration. Also enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the surcharge. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is also enclosed. Please note that the Assignment documents have been submitted to the Assignment Branch under separate cover on this same date.

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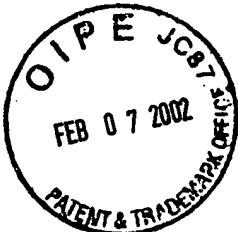


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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